



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY

Public Health Department
2191 Johnson Avenue ▪ P.O. Box 1489
San Luis Obispo, California 93406
805-781-5500 ▪ FAX 805-781-5543

Jeff Hamm
Health Agency Director

Penny Borenstein, M.D., M.P.H.
Health Officer

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION UPDATE **Pandemic H1N1 (2009) FLU**

December 17, 2009, 4:00pm

CONTACT: Michelle Shoresman
Public Information Officer, 805-788-2067

Current Situation:

Running totals:	Cases (49*)	Cases (48*)	Hospitalized (49*)	Hospitalized (48*)	Fatalities (49*)	Fatalities (48*)
California	-	-	7,794	7,546	417	397
SLO County	173	172	38	38	1	1

*Week 48 (Nov. 29-Dec. 5); Week 49 (Dec 6-13)

California: "Cases"—no accurate count to date per State CDPH; "hospitalized" includes all aggregate reports from Local Health Departments.

SLO County "Cases" includes state-lab confirmed, PH Lab-Flu A unsubtypeable, and H1N1 reports from commercial labs.

On December 15th and 16th, the San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department (SLO PHD) held H1N1 Vaccine Clinics, FREE and open ALL members of the public at its three sites in Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. During the 18 hours of clinics, over 5800 doses were distributed.

To date, the county's health care providers (including pediatricians and other private practice physicians, hospitals, clinics and emergency medical service agencies and public health department sites) have received approximately 64,000 doses of vaccine. More is expected for delivery in the coming weeks and will be shipped directly to private providers and to SLO PHD. SLO PHD continues to recommend that providers NOT limit who can receive vaccine now that vaccine supplies in the county are increasing.

"This is the perfect opportunity for the public to get vaccinated while vaccine supplies are increasing and virus levels are slowly decreasing," says Health Officer, Dr. Borenstein. "H1N1 is still widespread in the county and the state. Vaccination is still the best tool for keeping yourself well this flu season."

Please stay tuned to local media outlets and to our website (address below) for more information about clinic dates at Health Department sites and at other locations throughout the community.

Recalled Vaccine Doses Still Safe – No Need To Be Revaccinated

On December 15th, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) issued a voluntary recall of some lot numbers of H1N1 vaccine designed for administration to those 6 months to 35 months old. The recall does not affect the safety of the vaccine. The vaccine in question may be slightly less potent, but young children don't need to get revaccinated—the affected doses will still create immunity. If they haven't yet had their second dose, they should get it as scheduled. The CDC recommends that all children less than 10 years of age should get two doses of H1N1 vaccine, approximately 1 month apart for the optimal immune response. For more information, and complete details on the recall including lot numbers go to http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/syringes_qa.htm.

Remember to use common sense prevention measures to avoid the flu. These are highly effective in preventing transmission of disease and include frequent hand washing, coughing and sneezing in the sleeve rather than the hand, and staying home when sick.

Additional Information: Please visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/publichealth/swineflu.htm,

Or call the Public Health Information Line

(24 hour number): 805-788-2903 or 805-781-5500, M-F, 8am to 5pm.